


SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 This week our Citizen award goes to **Renae** in **Y2** who understands the importance of being just and fair in line with our 'Statement of Belief' this week. Renae has such a positive outlook on life generally, which is always so evident in school. Her positive and optimistic attitude means that she gives everything a good go, even those things she finds difficult. Her classmates really appreciate her positive attitude and sense of fairness and so love to work with her. She really does help others to feel happy too. What a great example you are!

Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



503

St David's House



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St Patrick's House



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St George's House



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Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

A reminder that the members of St Andrew's House can mark the feast of St Andrew by coming to school dressed in something blue (rather than school uniform) on **Monday 29th November 2021**. Please note that this privilege is for the children in St Andrew's House only. Members of the other three Houses must come to school wearing full school uniform as usual. Thank you.



Christmas Dinner

This year the children will have Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 15th December 2021**. Again, as it is a special day the children can come to school wearing party clothes if they choose. Please do not forget to book by midnight on the cut-off date (**Thursday 9th December 2021**), if your child would like a Christmas dinner.

Healthy Minds at SJF

Our Healthy Minds Champions had their first training session delivered by a specialist worker from Sheffield Healthy Minds Team this week and are continuing to work with Mrs Smith and Mrs Hadfield as part of our ongoing work to maintain our special school a safe space for everyone. For more information please follow this [LINK](#).



SJF Calendar of Events

Please click [here](#) in order to see the weekly update on our home page or hit [LINK](#) for the 2021-22 calendar.

Week 9 Attendance			
1 st	Y2	100%	Bobby & Brenda will visit next week
1 st	Y5	100%	Bobby & Brenda will visit next week
3 rd	FS2	98.4%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	97.7%	
5 th	Y3	97.5%	
6 th	Y4	93.3%	
7 th	Y6	92.5%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 97.0%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	89%
2 nd	FS2	87%
3 rd	Y1	83%
4 th	Y5	77%
5 th	Y3	72%
6 th	Y4	70%
7 th	Y6	70%
Average = 78%		





Beat Your Best!

This week's 'Beat Your Best' challenge was amazing and lots of our children had a go and tried really hard to beat their personal best scores. A massive well done to everyone who took part. Special mentions to the following children:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Ivy	Archie Esma Hector Kyrell Niamh Natalia Renee Tilly	Aurelia Charly Jenson Keyla Lincoln Lottie	Amelie Bruno	Alexia Edie Ellie Freddie James Mia	Charlie Gio Issy Jessica Lacey

Next week we have another skipping challenge. This time you are challenged to see how many 'side wings' you can manage without stopping. Please have a look at the demonstration by Tyler, another of our fantastic Sports Majors, by clicking [here](#). Please remember to find Tyler or Mr Johnson at break-time and have a go!

Achievements outside of School

Please email us details of the children's achievements out of school (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) so that we can include them in our weekly newsletter and celebrate them! This week we have super one to share.

- **William** in **Y2** has just had his first grading session for karate and was awarded a red and white striped belt! Congratulations William, what an amazing achievement, well done!

SJF School Council Update

This week the school council met. Here's a word from one of our councillors on what was discussed.



The school is working alongside Taylor Shaw, who provide our school dinners. This week we were discussing some different ideas for our dinners. We are working hard to make suggestions that the whole school will like.

Alan, Y6 School Council Treasurer



PTFA News

A reminder that Santa is visiting us on **Friday 3rd December 2021!** As it is such a special day the children are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite clothes rather than school uniform. Santa is expected to land at 8.45am and you are invited to welcome him on the playground!

This is a key event in the PTFA calendar and takes months of planning, and so I would like to thank our special friends from the PTFA – both the previous and current committees. If you would like to support the important work please contact them (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



SJF Curriculum Showcase

Due to ongoing restrictions our SJF Curriculum Showcase for Terms 1 and 2 will have to be in the form of a slideshow which will be shared online, rather than the usual exhibition in the School Hall. The class slideshows will be available to view via this [LINK](#) on the SJF website from **Wednesday 1st December 2021**. Thank you.



Our Catholic Life

Collective Worship Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Citizen Assembly (Headteacher)	SJF Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Staff-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (All Staff)



Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including times for Mass, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this [link](#).

Confirmation

Please note that Catholic pupils wishing to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church are invited to register before next **Tuesday 30th November 2021**. Please send an email to the Parish Office (olol.church@btinternet.com) if you would like to register your child. Thank you.



Our Term 2 Virtues to Live By

A reminder that in Term 2 we are focusing on the virtues of **hope** and **patience**.

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war both service personnel and civilians. Our prayer is:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Our Late November Gathering Song

Come and join the circle, Gather round and see –
Come and take my hand. What the world can be.
Come and join the circle, Come and join the circle,
Come and be my friend. Come and share God's word with me.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 16th December 2021** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. A recording will be available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy 2021

Today the young people of Y4 led our annual Advent Wreath liturgy and it was fantastic! Through readings and song the message of Advent was shared so beautifully, enabling us all to understand why the season of Advent is such an important part of the Church's year.

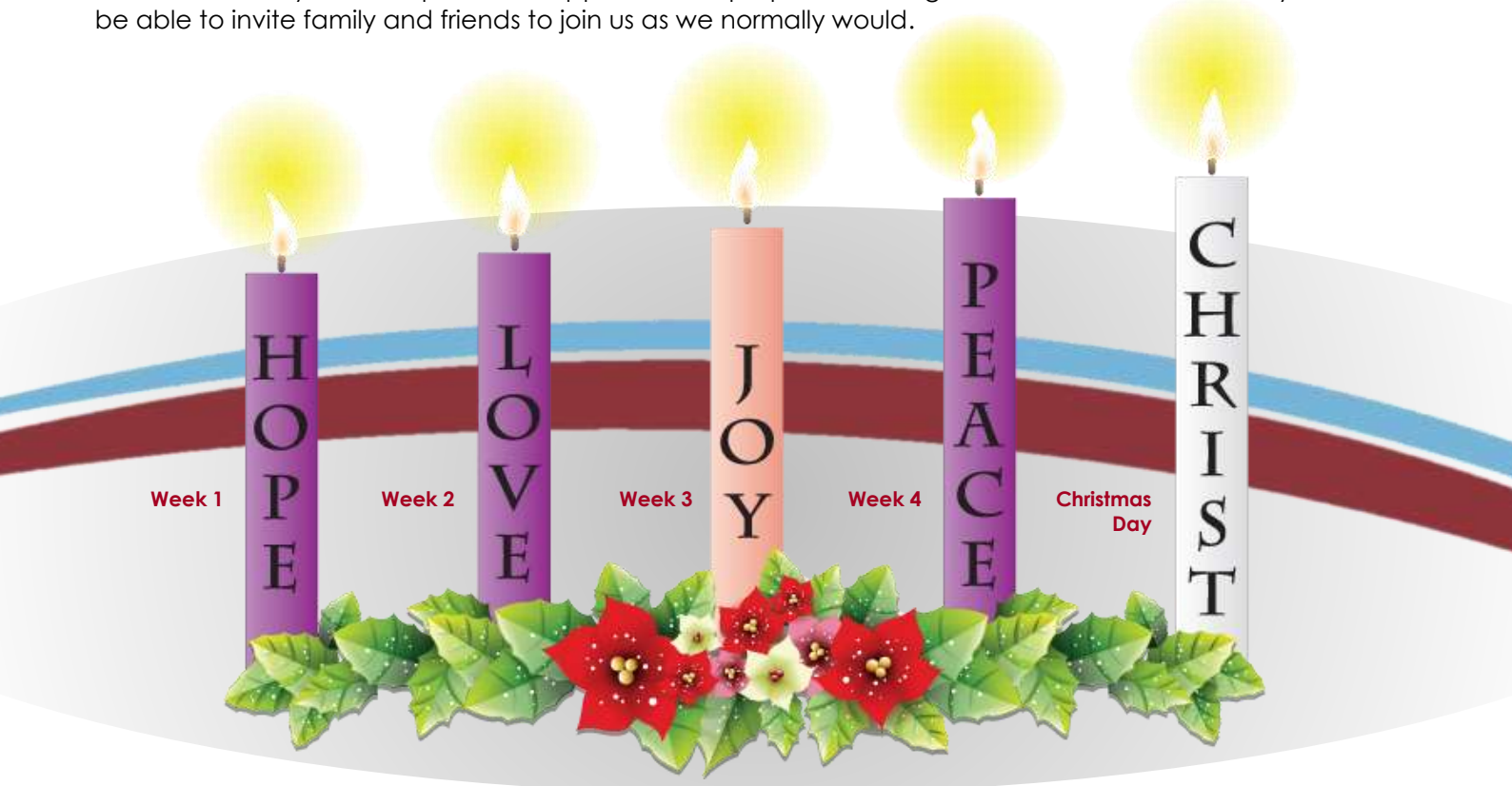


I would like to thank Fr Bede for joining us and for blessing our wreaths. I would like to thank Mr Broadhead and Mr Dowde for all their hard work in preparing the children and organising the wonderful liturgy. I would like to thank Mr McGurrian and Mrs Downes for leading the fantastic music and preparing the children over the past few weeks. I would like to thank everyone for their beautiful singing and finally I would like to thank the young people of Y4 for leading the service so magnificently! It was a joyous and thought-provoking liturgy and such a fitting way to start the season of Advent here at SJF! To watch the liturgy, please click [here](#).



Class Advent Liturgies

Our daily Advent class liturgies will commence on Monday 29th November 2021. They will take place at the end of each day except on PE days or when a class has either French or Music timetabled for the last period of the school day. Our chaplains will support staff to prepare the liturgies for their classmates. Sadly we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us as we normally would.



Advent and Lent, are seasons of penitence. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark our preparations while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth at Christmas. Unlike Lent, Advent is a happier season. The Third Sunday of Advent, called **Gaudete Sunday**. The word 'Gaudete' is Latin for 'rejoice'. From the third Sunday of Advent we light the rose coloured candle on our wreaths. Priests also wear rose coloured vestments at Mass on the third Sunday of Advent. Pope Francis was talking about the difference between happiness and joy when he said:

***"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more.
It's another thing; something which does not depend
on external motivations, or on passing issues.
It is more profound. It is a gift."***

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish, break or fade. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but is very near.

Nativity Plays

A reminder that the **FS2** and **KS1** nativity plays will be filmed on **Tuesday 14th December 2021**. DVDs/USBs will be available to buy directly from the film company once editing is complete. The prices are as follows:

- a basic DVD is **£9.99** and a DVD customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£12.99**
- a basic USB is **£12.99** and USB customised with a message e.g. to a relative for a gift is **£15.99**

KS2 Annual Carol Service

A reminder that this is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 21st December 2021** and involves all the children in Years 3 to 6. As with everything we will not be able to invite family and friends to join us but our Service will be filmed and a recording made available to watch shortly afterwards by clicking [here](#).





All Saints Y6 Monthly Maths Challenge!

Here is a message from our friends from All Saints Catholic High School

To aid transition from Primary to Secondary school, our Maths department have decided to issue a monthly newsletter to our **Y5** and **Y6** feeder school students. Each month, there will be an opportunity to get to know the maths teachers here at All Saints, to develop mathematical language with a Maths 'Word of the Month' and to attempt mathematical puzzles and problems. Students will have the opportunity to contact the maths department with their solutions by using the QR code on each newsletter and feedback will be given in the following newsletter. Please click [here](#) to access the worksheet.

Golden Children

FS2	Raquel for trying really hard in our rehearsals and for singing beautifully too!
Y1	Ewan for being so kind and thoughtful with all his classmates, he will help others, invite people to play and looks after any children who are feeling sad. It is a pleasure teaching Ewan, what a star!
Y2	Jan Z for showing amazing determination in class when faced with tricky tasks. He always participates with a smile!
Y3	Max for showing great determination in lessons and for improving his attitude to learning. Max has worked very hard this week and has impressed us with the effort he has put into lessons.
Y4	Connie for being one of the always children that is ready to learn and shows a determined attitude to her work
Y5	Bronte for always trying her best, working quietly and trying really to make the best of every learning opportunity.
Y6	Gio for working so hard in Mathematics and for making some excellent progress, especially with his arithmetic!

Writing Champions

FS2	Henry for working really hard at home and at school on his writing! Well done superstar!
Y1	Enzo for working hard on his writing and for having a go at writing words by himself. Enzo is also really focusing so well in his Read Write Inc. sessions and all this hard work is really paying off, well done Enzo!
Y2	Gabriella for producing a great non-chronological report about Queen Elizabeth, using some really good adjectives use and including some fab facts!
Y3	Sanaya for writing a gorgeous supportive postcard to the man who lives in the tin forest. She used a range of ambitious language successfully, and modal verbs to offer advice! Well done!
Y4	Diion for a producing great retelling of the Beowulf legend, with lovely presentation and descriptive language!
Y5	Connor for writing a really good piece based on Kensuke's Kingdom. Really great work!
Y6	Lacey Lou for making some very good progress with the use of punctuation in her independent writing. Well done!

Reading for Pleasure

Our 21-22 SJF Booklist

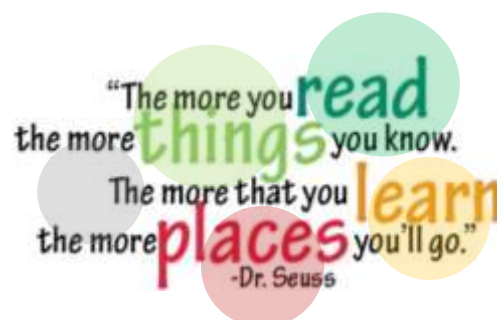
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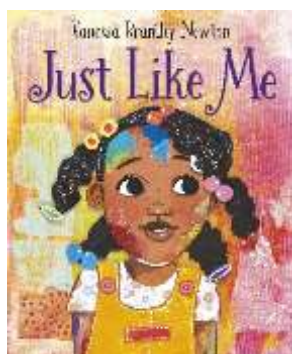
This Week's Feature Books

For our younger children our feature book is: '**Just Like Me**' by **Vanessa Brantley-Newton**

The Amazon Review

From Vanessa Brantley-Newton, the author of *Grandma's Purse*, comes a collection of poetry filled with engaging mini-stories about girls of all kinds: girls who feel happy, sad, scared, powerful; girls who love their





bodies and girls who don't; country girls, city girls; girls who love their mother and girls who wish they had a father. With bright portraits in Vanessa's signature style of vibrant colours and unique patterns and fabrics, this book invites readers to find themselves and each other within its pages.

For our older children our feature book is: **'Funky Chickens'** by **Benjamin Zephaniah**

The Waterstones Review

Enter the crazy world of rap poet Benjamin Zephaniah!



A reissue of the wonderfully irreverent collection of poetry for young people, touching on anything from vegetables to the Queen and from sewage to the sun. There's plenty of humour as well as poems on racism, pollution and the murder of a cat.

Please click the [LINK](#) for more information about the books and click [here](#) for our 2021-22 SJF Book List.

Statement to Live By

Our statement next week will be **'I think before I make choices that affect my health.'**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to be healthy. What sorts of things help us to be healthy? What sorts of things will make us unhealthy? How can making healthy choices help us to be happy?

"It is health that is
real wealth and not
pieces of gold and
silver."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

TAKE CARE OF
YOUR BODY.
IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE YOU HAVE
TO LIVE IN.

"MAY
YOUR CHOICES
REFLECT YOUR
HOPES,
NOT YOUR
FEARS"

- Nelson Mandela

